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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, April 2--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in U.S. agricultural trade:

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS

U.S. agricultural imports during February 1982 were down 35 percent from the same month last year, totaling almost \$1.07 billion. A 22-percent decline in total import volume, coupled with a 16-percent decline in unit prices, were responsible. This sharp drop in value is a continuation of monthly import declines experienced through this fiscal year (October 1981-February 1982). The cumulative fiscal 1982 import total is \$6.35 billion--down 18 percent from the same 5-month period last year. Continued reductions in the value of sugar, coffee, rubber and gums, and beef imports were chiefly responsible for February's poor showing.

Sugar imports during February were down 84 percent in value to \$29 million because of 48 and 65 percent declines in import prices and volume, respectively. Lower prices appear to be the result of a record 1981/82 world sugar crop. Reduced import volume is attributable to increased U.S. supplies because of record imports during December that were designed to avoid increased 1982 sugar duties, as well as continued decline in U.S. per capita consumption of sugar brought on by increased substitution of high fructose corn syrup.

The value of coffee imports fell 38 percent to \$199 million, due to a 32-percent decline in volume and an 8-percent decline in unit prices. Like sugar, increased world production is responsible for the lower import price.

Beef imports--at \$70 million--declined 52 percent from February 1981, the result of lower volume and import prices. Lower domestic beef prices and increased availabilities are chiefly responsible.

Fresh vegetables were one of the few major imports to increase in value, rising by 61 percent over the February 1981 level to \$104 million. This was the result of a 12-percent increase in volume and a 42-percent increase in unit prices. The recent freeze in Florida is the primary reason for the increased import level.

When combined with developments in U.S. farm exports, U.S. agricultural imports during February leave the monthly trade balance with a surplus of \$2.43 billion, up 12 percent from February 1981. The cumulative fiscal 1982 agricultural trade balance is now a surplus of \$11.7 billion, 2 percent lower than the same 5-month period last year.

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OCTOBER 1980 - FEBRUARY 1982

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (FEBRUARY)			
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
		10/80-02/81:10/81-02/82:DIF	10/80-02/81:10/81-02/82:DIF	10/81-02/82:DIF	10/81-02/82:DIF	1981	1982	1981	1982
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DAIRY PRODUCTS									
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT	49,873	53,386	+7	134,094	147,544	+10	4,360	4,513
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA.....	MT	7,581	7,203	-5	27,452	28,115	+2	942	838
CASEIN.....	MT	31,244	25,405	-19	96,965	74,536	-18	8,020	2,742
OTHER.....	XXX				5,827	6,182	+6		1,294
TOTAL.....	XXX				258,338	256,377	-1		41,271
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.									
WOOL.....	MT	11,908	13,869	+16	51,301	63,988	+25	3,573	2,865
MEAT.....	MT	410,738	289,463	-30	1065,111	676,779	-36	75,918	48,248
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT	313,284	206,025	-34	803,727	453,340	-44	58,518	33,203
PORK.....	MT	84,124	74,301	-12	229,393	195,657	-15	15,153	13,658
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT	13,330	9,137	-31	31,991	27,782	-13	2,247	1,387
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	331,568	217,224	-34	104,318	73,704	-29	77,689	40,996
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO	93,688	88,097	-6	69,906	69,527	-1	15,846	31,654
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX				34,242	37,182	+9		8,108
FURSKINS.....	XXX				78,890	65,226	-17		27,597
OTHER.....	XXX				66,230	60,041	-9		14,452
TOTAL.....	XXX				1,469,998	1,046,447	-29		289,407
HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
FRUIT.....	MT	1700,365	1855,956	+9	441,946	519,481	+18	341,653	362,074
FRESH.....	MT	1100,271	1084,013	-1	227,762	261,622	+15	213,002	195,436
PREP. & PRES.....	MT	128,552	127,599	-1	114,869	118,610	+3	27,050	26,454
JUICES.....	LIT	471,542	644,344	+37	99,315	139,249	+40	101,601	140,184
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ.....	MT	395,380	466,988	+18	140,663	232,486	+65	156,342	175,713
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT	107,221	171,617	+60	110,589	149,469	+35	21,443	32,549
TREE NUTS.....	XXX				106,404	84,813	-20		21,100
WINE.....	LIT	176,574	199,038	+13	329,116	342,864	+4	29,891	25,869
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.....	LIT	216,539	249,945	+15	148,200	161,456	+9	40,736	49,915
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX				73,634	68,746	-7		11,783
OTHER.....	XXX				111,265	118,586	+7		24,120
TOTAL.....	XXX				1,461,015	1,677,900	+15		322,398

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.													
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED	MT	1628,286	2149,828	+32	1,079,673	750,826	-30	265,198	92,848	-65	177,857	28,821	-84
SWEETENERS.....	MT	250,123	187,348	-25	99,795	74,234	-25	96,435	18,714	-91	31,937	7,773	-76
COCOA & PRODUCTS.....	MT	164,616	152,692	-7	398,624	324,074	-19	42,879	43,554	+2	97,565	94,512	-3
COFFEE.....	MT	502,139	472,537	-12	1,595,722	1,128,193	-29	107,633	73,632	-32	319,445	199,053	-38
ESSENTIAL OILS.....	MT	4,015	2,491	-38	47,734	29,421	-38	1,302	589	-41	6,922	4,658	-32
TEA.....	MT	33,375	32,644	-2	52,441	52,277	---	8,326	7,014	-16	12,890	11,039	-14
SPICES.....	MT	55,961	46,618	-17	74,352	59,564	-20	10,896	8,466	-22	13,236	11,521	-13
FIBERS.....	MT	36,193	26,718	-26	19,151	18,616	-2	9,027	2,782	-69	2,981	2,408	-19
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	MT	248,756	290,283	+17	318,350	274,518	-14	88,154	60,321	-32	111,182	51,543	-54
OTHER.....	XXX				51,444	45,610	-11				10,223	9,454	-4
TOTAL.....	XXX				3,736,646	2,757,338	-26				744,236	420,823	-46
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GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX				7,704,232	6,347,386	-18				1644,957	1067,532	-35

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. LITER UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.

XXX INDICATES QUANTITY TOTALS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL WHERE UNITS OF MEASURE DIFFER.

--- INDICATES CHANGE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT.

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